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FROM : Chief, Communications Division

SUBJECT: Research and Development Program

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1. It appears essential to establish a more comprehensive system of research and development project priority assignments. In order to intelligently assign such priorities it is necessary to relate priorities solely in terms of their contribution to accomplishing the primary mission of the Communications Division.

2. It is believed that research and development projects fall into a few broad categories which may then be evaluated into relative priorities of categories. When a new project is under consideration, its position in the priority pattern need only be considered with respect to others of the same category and again solely upon its relative importance to the basic communications mission. The following example of a possible list of project categories is shown to illustrate the basic system :

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>
A	- Basic Clandestine Field Radio Transmitters Receivers
B	- Auxiliary Devices for the Above (power, containers, etc.)
C	- Machine Cipher Devices Peculiar to CIA
D	- Air/Ground Commo - Control - Relay Systems
E	- Radio Radar Beacons and IFF Systems
F	- Automatic Telecommunications Systems
G	- Others

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For example: the RS-6 might be assigned priority A-1 while the re-development of the RR-2(B) receiver might be assigned priority A-6, etc.

3. In order to apply these principles to Commo Research and Development projects, those included in the recently approved supplemental budget must be evaluated and fitted into a schedule along with those now in progress. Accordingly, (OPC), are requested to regard themselves as a committee (with the latter as Chairman) to consider the entire subject of Commo Research and Development priorities to evolve the most effective system and submit a recommended schedule of project priority assignments. This schedule may then serve as a directive on the matter which may improve the effectiveness of the Research and Development program. A report is desired by 5 February 1951.

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